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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2008.

ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the supply of :—

20 Electric motors from 3 to 20 h.p.

Specifications may be obtained upon application to the Electrical Engineer, Mr. T. H. U. Aldridge, at the Electricity Works, 31 Fearon Road, upon payment of Tls. 25 deposit, which will be returned upon the receipt of a bonâ fide tender.

Sealed tenders must be forwarded to the undersigned not later than noon on Saturday, April 30, 1910.

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which may be incurred in tendering.

The names of tenderers with the prices quoted will be published for general information.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 17, 1910.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2009.

DOGS.

Dog owners who have not yet taken out licences for the current year, the requested to make application for are same at the Tax Office.

Attention is directed to Condition No. 6 imposed in respect to the licence as follows :—

"That the dog when in the streets "or other public place be effectively "muzzled, but in such a manner as will "admit of its breathing and drinking."

Dogs found without muzzles, whether led or at large, within the limits of the Settlement or on outlying roads, will be seized by the Police and detained at the Kennels in the Gordon Road for a period of one week or longer as circumstances may direct; their owners, when identified, will be prosecuted. Dogs wearing ineffective muzzles will be regarded as unmuzzled.

Enquiries on the subject of lost or strayed dogs should be made at the Gordon Road Police Station (Telephone No. 3248).

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 17, 1910.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2011.

The Council is prepared to receive tenders for painting the Garden Bridge, North Chekiang Road Bridge and the Bund Passenger Pontoons.

Specifications may be seen, and all necessary information obtained, upon application at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned not later than noon on Monday, April 11, 1910.

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted will be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the contract.

The names of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room.
Shanghai, March 19, 1910.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2013.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the annual supply of PORTLAND CEMENT in such quantities as may be required.

Specifications may be seen, and all necessary information obtained, upon application at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned not later than noon on Saturday, July 2, 1910, and should be marked "Tender for Portland Cement."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted will be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the contract.

The names of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 24, 1910.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2014.

THE Municipal Offices will be closed to public business, on GOOD FRIDAY, March 25, and EASTER MONDAY, March 28.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 24, 1910.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 16, 1910, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Artillery.—At the suggestion of the Commandant it is decided to address an application to the Chinese Authorities through the usual channel, desiring permission for the Artillery to carry out target practice at Woosung, since there is no apparent prospect of obtaining a suitable practice ground elsewhere.

Consular Body.

A letter from Dr. K. Bernauer, Acting Consul-General for Austria-Hungary, informs the Council that during his absence in Europe, the Consulate-General will be in charge of Mr. H. Schumpeter, Vice-Consul.

Native Press.

The following letter from the Managing Director of the Sin Wan Pao, Ld., is read, and ordered for publication with reply as directed :—

Shanghai, March 14, 1910.

SIR,—In the Report for 1909, just issued, on page 83 I find the following statement in reference to local Chinese newspapers:—"For with the newspapers without exception officially owned or controlled, as indeed is at present the

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case." The Report evidently implies that all Chinese newspapers in Shanghai are "officially owned or controlled," and I beg to call your attention to the incorrectness of this statement in reference to the *Sin Wan Pao*, which is owned and controlled by a Limited Liability Company incorporated under the Hongkong Ordinances. The *Sin Wan Pao* is neither owned nor controlled officially. Please give this correction full publicity by publication in the Municipal Gazette so as to correct the error that has been made.

Yours truly,

J. D. Clark,
Managing Director,
Sin Wan Pao, Ld.

W. E. Leveson, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 17, 1910.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of March 14, I am directed to inform you that the Council's statement that the *Sin Wan Pao*, amongst other native newspapers, is officially owned or controlled rests upon the fact that Mr. J. C. Ferguson, formerly the sole proprietor of the paper and at present the largest individual shareholder in your Company, holds also the appointment of "Counsellor of the Viceroys at Nanking and Wuchang." During the past year Mr. Ferguson has upon several occasions accepted responsibility for, and given assurances with reference to, editorial announcements and advertisements in the *Sin Wan Pao*; his control of the paper is otherwise a matter of common knowledge. Under these circumstances the Council is of opinion that the statement to which your letter refers is substantially correct.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. Leveson,
Secretary.

J. D. Clark, Esq.,
Managing Director,
Sin Wan Pao, Ld.

Shanghai, March 19, 1910.

Sir,—In reference to your letter to me of the 17th inst., concerning the ownership and control of this paper, I beg to call your attention to the obvious meaning of the statement in the Report for 1909, which is that all the Chinese papers in Shanghai are owned or controlled by Chinese officials. Your reply evades this statement by referring to the position on this paper occupied by Mr. J. C. Ferguson, Counsellor of the Viceroys at Nanking and Wuchang. Mr. Ferguson is a shareholder and director of the Company which owns and controls the paper. During my absence or illness, Mr. Ferguson also acts as Managing Director, and it must have been on the occasion of his acting in this capacity that he took responsibility in conversation with yourself. While having no wish to disguise the influence of Mr. Ferguson in this paper, on account of his former connection with it and his interest in its shares, such fact does not justify your statement as to the paper being owned and controlled by Chinese officials, which is plainly misleading.

Yours truly,
J. D. Clark,
Managing Director,
Sin Wan Pao, Ld.

W. E. Leveson, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Health Department.

During the absence of the Health Officer on 8 months' leave, Dr. A. Moore, Assistant Health Officer, will be in charge of this Department.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Peking Road.—The correspondence with Mr. J. Ambrose on the subject of the scheduled portion of Cadastral Lot 311 is submitted, and, from his letter last received, it appears that he disputes the Council's right to submit the case to the Land Commission. From written opinions submitted, the Council learns that this contention is not good in law, and it is therefore decided, after due notice, to put the case before the Commission, and thereafter to enforce the terms of the Award by reference to the Supreme Court:—

Shanghai, April 21, 1909.

Dear Sir,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, re surrender for Peking Road widening ex Cad. Lot No. 311, and I first of all beg to take exception to your stereotyped remark, viz., "I may say that I consider the widening of this road will constitute a betterment to the property," and if you will give the question a moment's thought and consideration, I feel sure you will agree with me that in a locality so thoroughly Chinese as this is, a road 40-ft. in width will be no betterment to the property. The businesses carried on there are and must always remain Chinese notwithstanding that an increased amount of foreign traffic may be diverted from the Nanking Road when the Peking Road is widened throughout, but such increased traffic (if any) will in no way benefit the tenants of the strips fronting the road.

With regard to the compensation I am willing to accept for the strip as per the plan accompanying your letter under reply. I herewith beg to enclose plan of the buildings at present on the land from which you will see that including the steps the shops are out 22-ft. 6-in. in depth and to take from them a strip 6-ft. 6-in. in width—leaving them but 16-ft. in depth—would make them absolutely useless. It would therefore be necessary under these circumstances to take away one room of the two-roomed hong in rear and set the shops back to the new line which would result in a loss of rental of ten dollars ($10) per moon or at $12\frac{1}{3}$ moons $123.33 at Ex. 74=Tls. 91.26 per annum capitalized at 8 per cent=Tls. 1,140.80 in addition to which you would be called upon to pay all reconstruction charges and all loss of rental during such reconstruction.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
J. Ambrose.

Chas. Mayne, Esq.,
Municipal Engineer & Surveyor.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 27, 1909.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of April 21, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, on the subject of the widening of the Peking Road ex Cadastral Lot 311, I am directed to draw your attention to the minute on this subject which was published in the Municipal Gazette of June 4, and of which I enclose a copy. Therein is set out the Council's policy in respect to claims by owners of registered property adjoining this road, and you will observe that it has been decided to call for a reduction of one-third for betterment in all cases for reasons set out at length.

The Council has almost invariably shown itself to be in agreement with your contention in respect to the widening of roads in native localities to more than 30 feet, but it is not considered that this contention is applicable in the present case, as will be observed from the fourth paragraph of the minute.

In respect to the buildings, the Council does not admit that the excision of the scheduled strip will render these useless, inasmuch as there are at present existing in this road, shops of no greater depth than that which will remain in this instance. Estimated loss of rental is at all times a doubtful and therefore an unsatisfactory basis whereon to base compensation, and the Council therefore directs me to express the hope that you will accept the assessed value of the strip plus 10 per cent and less one-third, i.e., a sum of Tls. 558. To this will be added the cost of reinstatement and compensation for loss of rent during the progress of the work.

The concluding paragraph of the above-mentioned minute contains an appeal for co-operation on the part of all landowners and agents concerned, and the Council is confident that in the present case, as in the remainder which are within your control, no more direct appeal to your good offices is required.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. Leveson,
Secretary.

J. Ambrose, Esq.

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Shanghai, August 3, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of July 27 re widening Peking Road ex Cadastral Lot No. 311 together with a copy of the minute published in the Municipal Gazette of June 4.

With regard to the Council's policy outlined in that minute I cannot agree. The Council itself is "*only of opinion* that the proposed treatment of the Peking Road would ensure immediate enhancement of values." On the other hand my strong opinion is that the widening of the Peking Road will not have such an effect, the road and the locality generally being so purely Chinese that it can never be a main thoroughfare of such importance as to justify the opinion that increased rentals can be obtained from the shops fronting it, as the class of business now carried on in them will in all probability be continued there and the occupants cannot afford to pay more rent than they are at present paying.

In your letter you say "the Council "does not admit that the excision of "the scheduled strip will render these "(the shops) useless, inasmuch as there "are at present existing in this "road, shops of no greater depth "than that which will remain in this "instance."

With regard to the statement as to the depth of other shops I have no knowledge, but even if it is so, my reply is that the erection of ordinary shops on the lot could only be accomplished at the expense of the kitchens or of the air space. If the former they could only be let at reduced rentals, and if the latter by ignoring Rule XVIII of the "Rules with respect to New Chinese Buildings" by doing away with the necessary yard in rear and reducing the size of the kitchens which would also result in reduced rentals. The proposal of the Council ist herefore not a betterment to the property but a worsement through such loss in rental.

I also wish to remind you that in October 1898 I surrendered a strip of an average width of 7-ft. 2-in. from this lot which reduced its depth to an average of 56-ft. which you now propose to still further reduce by 6-ft. 6-in. leaving me with a lot of less than 50-ft. in depth, and as the buildings on the land still have a life of say twenty years I must abide by the terms mentioned in my letter of April 21 for the surrender of the strip you require from this lot.

I would suggest that as the Council is so desirous of widening the Peking Road with a view to the improvement of traffic facilities that it removes the obstruction recently erected in the centre of that road, attention to which was drawn in a letter to the "North-China Daily News" a few days since.

Yours faithfully,

J. AMBROSE.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Conucil.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 29, 1909.

SIR,—Your letter of August 3, on the subject of the widening of the Peking Road ex Lot 311, has had the Council's careful consideration, and there appears to the members to be small probability of reconciling the divergent views which you express with those held by the Council.

While particularly desirous of carrying through this important improvement with the frontage owners' co-operation and without causing more dislocation of business than is absolutely necessary, the Council cannot give way in the matter of compensation to the extent of accepting the loss of rental foreshadowed by the owners themselves as a basis for computing the amount to be paid. You will readily see that such a course applied throughout the length of the road would involve the Council in serious difficulties if upon the completion of the work these estimates proved to have been fallacious.

The case in point is a small one, and for that reason it is considered that it may with your assent be treated in a new and experimental manner, calculated to give satisfaction to all concerned. I am therefore directed to propose that the necessary rebuilding of the four houses involved should proceed forthwith, the Council paying the cost and the loss of rental during the duration of the work, (Tls. 867), and that the actual amount of compensation for the scheduled strip of land be deferred until the houses are re-let, say until July 1, 1910, when it shall be computed at the actual loss capitalised at 8 per cent less 25 per cent for management expenses, and plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender, with interest at 6 per cent from date of completion of rebuilding.

The Council is aware that this proposition is not one which would be well-advised in every instance. In making it to you, reliance is placed on the bona-fides of your desire to be in the same financial position after as before the transaction; and on your ability to re-let the houses when the time comes to the best advantage.

In conclusion I am to state that, in deference to the final paragraph of your letter under reply, the obstruction at the corner of the Shanse Road has been removed.

I am Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

J. AMBROSE, Esq.

Shanghai, October 8, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 29 re surrender ex. Cad. Lot No. 311, Peking Road and note from it you propose paying the sum of Tls. 867 for rebuilding and loss of rental during such rebuilding, but that payment for the strip to be surrendered should be deferred until the houses are re-let—say 1st July, 1910, and the loss in rental then found to be capitalized at 6 per cent net, plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender as the amount of compensation with interest at 6 per cent from date of completion of rebuilding.

In reply I am quite prepared to accept that proposition for the reason only that I still believe the widening of the Peking Road will not enhance the value of the buildings fronting it.

In conclusion I have thank the Council for removing the obstruction from the Peking Road at its junction with the Shanse Road.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
J. AMBROSE.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 3, 1910.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of October 8, on the subject of the widening of the Peking Road ex Cadastral Lot 311, and to further negotiations between yourself and the Chairman of the Works Committee, on the subject of the rate at which it was proposed to capitalise the rentals of the frontage shops, I am directed to state that the Council, as a matter of principle, is unwilling to concede the rate you ask. Under these circumstances, the proposal contained in my letter of September 29 is abandoned, and the Council desires to proceed with the road widening upon the lines usual in such cases.

Reverting therefore to your letter of August 3, I am directed to point out that the Council's claim for the compensation by one-third for betterment, has been fortified by the decision of the Land Commissioners in Case No. LXXII, at the hearing of which you were present, and I am to state that unless you are now prepared to accept this reduction, the Council desires that this case also may go before the Commissioners at an early date.

The widening of the Peking Road, with which considerable progress has been made during 1909, is a matter which the Council regards as urgent, and I am therefore directed to request that you may be so good as to sanction the execution of the work of reinstatement in this case with as little delay as possible.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

J. AMBROSE, Esq.

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Shanghai, March 8, 1910.

DEAR SIR,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 3, on the subject of the widening of the Peking Road ex. Cad. Lot No. 311 and my having been confined to the house for a month is the reason why it has so long remained unanswered.

In your letter under reply I note you have withdrawn the proposal contained in yours of September 29 last and now wish the case to be referred to the Land Commissioners on the ground of their decision rendered in case No. LXXII, which I am not willing to agree to for the following reasons, viz:—

(1) That under Article VIa of the Land Regulations you have no authority to remit a case to the Land Commissioners where the owner is willing to sell and the Council willing to purchase and the only question in dispute is as to the amount of compensation.

(2) That the loss in rental entailed by this proposed road widening is $10 per moon, being the present rental of the one room of hong in rear which this road widening will eliminate, and

(3) That you accepted the surrender from Cad. Lots No. 296 and 453 on similar lines to those proposed in the case of Cad. Lot No. 311 for the reason (presumably) that in the case of those two lots the estimated loss in rental did not amount to the assessed value of the land surrendered plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender whereas in the case of Cad. Lot No. 311 my claim exceeds the value of the land calculated on the same basis.

I must therefore abide by the terms contained in my letter of April 21 last to Mr. Mayne, and remain.

Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

J. AMBROSE.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council
Shanghai.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 16, 1910.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 8 from which it learnt with regret that you contest the Council's right to submit the question of the widening of the Peking Road ex Cadastral Lot 311, for decision by the Land Commission. The Council is of opinion that your contention is not one which is good in law, and has obtained two written legal opinions both in support of its view.

You are, it is believed, aware that the point which you raise has been made upon more than one occasion in the past, and the Council is desirous that it now be finally settled. To this end, therefore, it has been decided to lay your case before the Commission, and, thereafter to enforce the terms of the Award by reference to H.M. Supreme Court, as provided in Article VIA of the Land Regulations.

The full correspondence will be published in the Municipal Gazette, and due notice of the date fixed by the Commissioners for the hearing of the case will be communicated to you.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

J. AMBROSE, Esq.

Parks and Open Spaces.

Hongkew Recreation Ground. — In reply to an application by the Shanghai Junior Golf Club, permission has been granted to the Club to undertake the care and maintenance of the golf links, it being understood that no rights are thereby conferred to the exclusion of the general public.

In response to an application by the Associacao de Sport, 25 Haskell Road, permission has been granted to effect an entrance to their premises over the Council's surplus land adjoining the North Szechuen Road, near the Hongkew Recreation Ground. upon the following conditions:—

1.—That an annual payment of $1 be made in recognition of the privilege.

2.—That the entrance be used for no other purpose than that specified.

3.—That the permission be subject to withdrawal at one month's notice.

Electricity Department.

Coal Supply.—5 tenders received in response to Municipal Notification No. 2001, are submitted, together with the Electrical Engineer's report thereon. Upon his recommendation, endorsed by the Electricity Committee, it is decided to accept that of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha for Takaye Small Coal, at the rate of Tls. 5.80 per ton.

The following are the other tenders forwarded:—

		Tls.
Johnson & Herlofson	Katsuno	5.40
	Shiogasira	5.60
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Yoshio	5.50
	Fushun	6.10
B. Roth & Co.	Moji	5.75
Hopkins, Dunn & Co., Ld.	Meneji Kirigomi	5.80
	Namazuta Kirigomi	5.85
H Robertson		8.23

And one irregular tender.

Public School.

Staff.—It is noted that Mr. R. Ross, the Assistant Master appointed on the Council's behalf by the Rev. J. Went, Headmaster of the Grammar School at Leicester, arrived and entered upon his duties on March 12.

Municipal Service Club.

The offer of Messrs. Hall & Holtz, Ld. to supply a billiard table for the sum of Tls. 730 is authorised for acceptance. The Budget appropriation for this purpose being thus expended, additional accessories if required must be at the expense of the members of the Club.

Redemption of Debentures.

Under the direction of the Finance Committee the following debentures have been purchased in the market, for account of the 1910 Budget appropriation for this purpose, at Tls. 102½ net:—

Loan of 1902	Tls.	5,500
,, 1903	,,	5,100
,, 1904	,,	1,500

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, March 20, 1910.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	8	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	3	2
Scarlet Fever.	4	5
Tuberculosis	13	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	158	7

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

The attendance on Sunday, March 20, was 420, and the Hall was emptied in 3 minutes.

The programme for Sunday, March 27, at 4.30 p.m., is as follows:—

1. Symphony No. 7, in A major... Beethoven
(Two movements only)
2. Concerto for pianoforte & orchestra, No. 5 in E flat..... Beethoven
(Two movements)
Frau Diehn.

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3. Symphonic Poem—"Les Prèludes" Liszt
4. Pianoforte Solo—Rhapsody No. 12 Liszt
Frau Diehn.
5. Overture—"Le Carnaval Romain" Berlioz

Conductor-in-charge, Mr. R. BUCK.

On Thursday, March 24, the Military Band of the Tokio Toyamo Gakko will give a performance in the Public Garden, beginning at 4 p.m.

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Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for February,

Strength of the Force on February 28, 1910.

Officers	8
Foreigners	223
Sikhs	465
Chinese	981
Clerical and Teaching Staff ...	48
Supernumeraries ...	152
Total ...	1,877

Crime.—So far as crime is concerned the month of February, which included China New Year, passed off on the whole quietly. The only exceptions were one or two severe cases of stabbing by natives, two of which resulted in death. The prevalence of knife carrying by disorderly characters within the Settlement is becoming more and more common, and requires that severe penalties be meted out to all who are apprehended carrying knives.

The increase in petty larcenies compared to last year during the same month may be accounted for by the fact of China New Year occurring in February.

It may be of interest to note that in one police district alone during the month of February there were twenty-nine cases reported by the police on night duty where either windows or doors of foreign houses had been left open.

False reports of highway robberies have been frequent throughout the past winter. Nothing is simpler for a Chinaman trusted with a sum of money than to gamble it away, and then to make a report to his master as well as to the police-station to the above effect. It is most difficult for the police to disprove such a story, backed as it invariably is by copious perjury. A charge has at last been sustained and a conviction obtained before the Mixed Court concerning a peculiarly flagrant case of false highway robbery.

Gambling Without Limits.—In spite of suggested proclamations and decrees by the Taotai regarding gambling inside the Settlement, police reports show that it is as systematic as ever immediately outside the boundary in the Wayside district. The usual number of touts continue to work and meet the trams in frequent the order to try and induce Chinese to gambling sheds across the border.

Fires. — Twenty-six fires occurred during the month of February compared with seven during the same month of last year. Out of the twenty-six fifteen were extinguished by the police and inmates. Ten out of the total only were insured. Four convictions were obtained for criminal negligence.

A somewhat unusual reversal in the order of things occurred at the time of China New Year. Before and up to New Year's Day few fires had occurred; but during the actual holidays, when as a rule fires are less frequent, a rush of conflagrations took place some of which were of a destructive character.

Fingerprint System.—The inauguration of this system as a regular branch of the C.I.D. will soon be in working order. The full value of this means of identification can hardly be realised in Shanghai, local conditions being such as they are. It is where the necessity for constant exchange of records is felt such as between provinces in India or chief cities in Europe that the Fingerprint System of Identification has its highest value.

Gordon Road Training School.—On the 15th of last month the first complete training course of foreign recruits at the new Gordon Road Depôt was completed. The result of the examination at the close of the course shows a marked success in the undertaking. I have no hesitation in saying that never in the history of this Force has a batch of recruits been better prepared to take up the onerous duties which now devolve upon the police in this Settlement.

Ricshas.—During February considerable trouble was given by some of the ricsha owners and efforts were made to organize a strike. The strike failed, and those concerned have been warned that the conditions of the licenses as laid down by the Council will continue to be upheld.

Return of Convict Labour for February, 1910.

		Tls.
Net value of work performed for the P. W. D.		742.92
Less Sandals and repairs to carts...	122.21	
Less Overcharge on Gaol Gate, January	56	
		122.77
Total for labour...Tls.		620.15
Work completed in addition to that for the P. W. D.		1,192.27
Less Cost of raw material		674.97
Total for labour...Tls.		517.30
Grand total for labour ...Tls.		1,137.45

Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicles licenses suspedned and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered, and warrants and summonses.

C. D. Bruce,
Captain-Superintendent of Police.

PRISONERS IN CUSTODY on February 28, 1910.

Central Station	39
Louza Station	56
Hongkew Station	67
West Hongkew Station	38
Harbin Road Sub-Station	6
Wayside Station	22
Gaol	729
Yangtszepoo Station	10
Sinza Station	14
Bubbling Well Station	9
Gordon Road Station	—
Total	990

VEHICLE LICENSES.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricsha	1,985	3,644
Wheelbarrow	4	nil
Handcart	1	nil
Total	1,990	3,644

VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN BETWEEN January 29 and February 25, 1910.

	Dollars
Stolen	51,944.46
Recovered	35,403.20

WARRANTS AND SUMMONSES.

	Issued	Executed or Served
Warrants	23	11
Summonses	92	84

DOGS.

At Kennels Jan. 31, 10.	15	176
Captured	161	
Returned	19	176
Killed	133	
Remaining at Kennels	24	

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RETURN OF PERSONS COMING UNDER THE NOTICE OF POLICE FOR CRIMINAL AND OTHER OFFENCES.

Offences.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
(*a.*) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON :—			
Manslaughter		3	3
Attempted suicide		7	7
Cutting and wounding	1	1	2
Assault	4	50	54
Kidnapping		21	21
Cruelty to or trafficking in Women or Children...		3	3
Absentee	2		2
Adultery		4	4
Bringing false charges		1	1
(*b.*) OFFENCES AGAINST RIGHTS OF PROPERTY :—			
Robbery		13	13
Embezzlement	1	3	4
Extortion		5	5
Burglary		16	16
Housebreaking		11	11
Obtaining goods or money by false pretences ...		5	5
Fraud		11	11
Receiving stolen property		5	5
Unlawful possession		34	34
Uttering		1	1
Arson		2	2
Larceny		206	206
Civil Offences : -			
Debt		14	14
Breach of Contract		2	2
Others		6	6
Criminal negligence (fires)		7	7
Trespass		2	2
(*c.*) ACTS INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC :—			
Common nuisances	1	1,153	1,154
Vagrancy		57	57
Returning after expulsion	1	18	19
Disorderly and Improper conduct...	11	154	165
Soliciting prostitution		6	6
Depositing garbage		13	13
Public gambling		188	188
Insanitary premises...		10	10
Cruelty to animals		3	3
Arms, unlawful carrying		1	1
Straw, Excessive storage of...		1	1
Miscellaneous	2	45	47
Traffic :—			
Furious driving	1	8	9
Obstruction		1,493	1,493
Evading license :—			
Billiard saloon	1		1
Opium shop		7	7
Breach of license conditions :—			
Dog	9	1	10
Building		1	1
Dairy		1	1
Club		1	1
Lodging-house		3	3
Pawn shop		3	3
Tea shop		5	5
(*d.*) NOT CHARGED :—			
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers		2,498	2,498
Others...	29	363	392
Total ...	63	6,466	6,529

RETURN OF SENTENCES, DECISIONS, ETC.,

Sentence.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Imprisonment	8	303	311
Cangue		2	2
Expulsion or deportation	1	2	3
Fined	16	245	261
Imprisonment and cangue		2	2
" " expulsion		49	49
" " fined		2	2
Imprisonment, cangue and expulsion		3	3
Bail forfeited...		2,775	2,775
Remanded	1		1
Cautioned	2	17	19
Dismissed	2	47	49
Released on Security		27	27
Left to Court		17	17
Handed to parents or guardians		18	18
Sent to Philanthropic Institutions		50	50
" Reformatory		1	1
" Native Authorities		42	42
Charge withdrawn		1	1
Miscellaneous	3	2	5
Handed to German Authorities	1		1
Total ...	34	3,605	3,639

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Foreign House Assessment Schedule 1909. 1.00

Land Assessment Schedules. Containing the consular and cadastral numbers of lots, registered owners, areas and values, with plans. In four parts, one to each district ... ... 1907. each 1.50

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Rules with respect to New Chinese Buildings ... 1901. 0.25

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